

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document comprising:

gathering historical document data relating to prior print setting selections;

correlating each prior print setting selection with one or more characteristics of the historical document data, including a user's prior print setting preference;

comparing the correlated print setting selections to one or more characteristics of the current document to select a print setting from among the plurality of print settings.

~~counting a number of pages in the document;~~  
~~if the number of pages is less than or equal to a threshold, then~~  
~~selecting a first print setting from the plurality of print settings; and~~  
~~utilizing the selected print setting to print the document.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of printing of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining an amount of text data in the current document; and  
adjusting a selecting the optimum print setting associated with the current document based on the amount of text data and the number of pages in the document the user's prior print setting preference.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of printing of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

determining an amount of image data in the current document; and  
~~adjusting a selecting the optimum~~ print setting associated with the  
current document based on the amount of image data and ~~the number of pages in the~~  
~~document the user's prior print setting preference.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a document comprising:

comparing an amount of text data in the document and an amount of image data in the document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with prior documents having a similar amount of text data and image data; and

selecting ~~a optimum~~ print setting for the document from the plurality of print settings based on the ~~amount of text data as compared to the amount of image data in the document the comparison;~~ and

~~utilizing the optimum print setting to print the document.~~

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document ~~in response to a print request~~ comprising the steps of:

gathering prior document data relating to prior print setting selections including a user's preferred print setting associated with the prior document data;

comparing the prior print setting selections and associated prior document data to at least one characteristic of the ~~print request~~ current document;

selecting a print setting for the document based on the comparison

~~identifying an optimum print setting for the print request;~~ and

~~utilizing the optimum print setting to print the document.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A method of selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a current document ~~in response to a print request~~ comprising the steps of:

analyzing a plurality of characteristics relating to ~~the print request~~  
document data in the current document, the plurality of characteristics including an  
input/output protocol, a host device type, an application being used to print the  
document, a job queue status, and a time of day;

comparing the plurality of characteristics relating to document data in  
the current document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with  
prior documents having similar characteristics; and

selecting a print setting for the current document identifying from the  
plurality of print settings based on the comparison, ~~an optimum print setting that is~~  
~~best suited for at least one of the plurality of characteristics~~; and

~~utilizing the optimum print setting to print the document.~~

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of  
weighting each of the plurality of characteristics according to at least one factor,  
including a factor associated with a setting in which the printer is being used.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~program product for selecting one of a~~  
~~plurality of print settings for printing a document~~ readable medium having  
instructions for causing a printing device to perform a method, comprising:  
code that counts a number of pages in the document;  
gathering historical document data relating to prior print setting  
selections;

correlating each prior print setting selection with one or more characteristics of the historical document data, including a user's prior print setting preference; and

comparing the correlated print setting selections to one or more characteristics of a current document to select a print setting from among a plurality of print settings.

~~code that selects a first print setting from the plurality of print settings if the number of pages is less than or equal to a threshold;~~

~~code that selects a second print setting from the plurality of print settings if the number of pages is greater than the threshold; and~~

~~code that utilizes the selected print setting to print the document.~~

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for selecting one of a plurality of print settings for printing a document in response to a print request readable medium having instructions for causing a printing device to perform a method, comprising:

analyzing a plurality of characteristics relating to document data in a current document, the plurality of characteristics including an input/output protocol, a host device type, an application being used to print the document, a job queue status, and a time of day;

comparing the plurality of characteristics relating to document data in the current document with a user's prior print setting preference associated with prior documents having similar characteristics; and

selecting a print setting for the current document from the plurality of print settings based on the comparison.

~~code that analyzes a plurality of characteristics relating to the print request, the plurality of characteristics including an input/output protocol, a host device type, an application being used to print the document, a job queue status, and a time of day;~~

~~code that identifies from the plurality of print settings an optimum print setting that is best suited for at least one of the plurality of characteristics; and~~

~~code that utilizes the optimum print setting to print the document.~~